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# Medical may cut overnight care

## Community care proposed

By **Ana Lyons**  
NEWS EDITOR

MIT Medical has proposed to eliminate its inpatient unit and close its overnight urgent care services by the end of 2010. The space vacated by the inpatient unit would be filled with a new “Community Care Center.”

Urgent care currently operates 24 hours a day but would close between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. under the proposed plan. During these hours trained nurses would run a phone service to advise community members and direct them to local hospitals for overnight care.

Community Care Center nurses would also provide on-site transient care services during the day, coordinate care and hospital discharge plans for patients, organizing community-wide

vaccine clinics, and visit sick students in dorms and fraternity, sorority, and living group houses.

Medical would lay off some nurses by eliminating overnight urgent care and the inpatient unit, but Director of MIT Medical William M. Kettyle said he could not provide an estimate of exactly how many nurses would lose their jobs or how much money Medical would save.

Data collected by Medical in 2009 shows that only 2.6 percent of urgent care visits occurred between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Of these visits, “many...are for convenience, not clinical emergencies,” according to the Medical website. And, on average, only 10 percent of beds in the inpatient unit were filled at once.

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THE TECH FILE PHOTO

MIT Medical may cut overnight services and open a “Community Care Center.”

### Three tickets for UA President/Vice President



GREG STEINBRECHER—THE TECH

(Top row, L to R) **Ariel A. Torres '11**, **Vrajesh Y. Modi '11**, and **Ian P. Tracy '11** will be running for the position of Undergraduate Association President. Their running mates are (bottom row, L to R): **Jarrett R. Remsberg '11**, **Samantha G. Wyman '11**, and **Pall M. Kornmayer '11**, respectively.

# The end of Northwest Shuttle?

## MIT considers replacing service with EZRide

By **Robert McQueen**  
NEWS EDITOR

MIT is considering shutting down the Northwest Shuttle service, which runs between the MIT graduate dorms north of Vassar St. and west of Massachusetts Ave. and the main academic buildings. MIT would expect Northwest Shuttle riders to instead use EZRide, a shuttle operated by the Charles River Transportation Management Association that services most of the same area, according

to Lawrence R. Brutti, the operations manager of MIT Parking and Transportation.

MIT would save the \$200,000 a year it currently spends to operate the Northwest Shuttle, Brutti said. According to Brutti, MIT would probably use the money saved from eliminating the Northwest Shuttle to buy an additional vehicle for the Tech Shuttle service, which runs at full capacity during peak hours. Brutti would also like to replace a couple of older vans with new ones that are handicap accessible.

“It’s a good business move,” said Brutti. “The goal is to reduce cost while enhancing service.”

MIT already pays EZRide \$300,000 a year to give MIT ID holders free access to the shuttle, which normally costs a dollar, Brutti said. Should the Northwest Shuttle stop running, MIT would pay EZRide more to add extra stops on MIT campus and extend its service to include midday hours, he said.

The Northwest Shuttle operates

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### IN SHORT



**Erez Lieberman-Aiden**, a graduate student in Health Sciences and Technology, won the \$30,000 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize

for his work on 3D genome mapping, footwear for the elderly, and linguistics, among other accomplishments. The prize is awarded to a promising student inventor every year.

The UA Presidential and Vice Presidential debate will be held

at the Student Center on Sunday at 8 p.m. on the first floor. This is your chance to ask the candidates tough questions.

**David W. Miliband SM '90**, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom will be giving the Compton lecture in Kresge Auditorium on Wednesday, March 10 at 3:30 p.m. His talk is titled “The War in Afghanistan: How to End It,” and there will be a question and answer segment. Compton lectures are open to the community.

Send news information and tips to [news@tech.mit.edu](mailto:news@tech.mit.edu).

## Perault promoted to Captain

Jay A. Perault has been promoted to the rank of Captain of the Patrol Division of the MIT Police. Perault’s promotion is effective as of February 10, 2010.

Captain Albert F. Pierce, Jr. remains Chief of Staff for the Police, managing all aspects of the police other than the Patrol Division.

Both Perault and Pierce report to Police Chief John DiFava. DiFava also serves as Director of Facilities Operations and Security and is somewhat removed from the day-to-day operations of the police. DiFava’s office is in NE49, at 600 Technology Square, three-quarters of a mile northwest of the police station, W89.

Perault, 38, has risen to his position through the ranks. He began work at MIT in 1995 and served as a patrolman and a patrol sergeant.

In 2000, Perault left MIT and worked as a software developer for KPMG, the Big Four accounting firm.

In 2002, Perault returned to MIT as a detective, a



VIBIN KUNDUKULAM—THE TECH

**Freshly-minted Police Captain Jay A. Perault** started as an MIT patrol officer and was most recently a detective. He’s also a software developer.

position he held until his most recent promotion.

Before MIT, Perault was a patrol officer at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass.

Perault doesn’t plan on major changes to the police, and is happy with its performance. It’s a department “I’m proud to be in,” he said.

### FIVE RESTAURANT WEEK TIPS

Made your reservations yet? Tracy Kambara’s tips for making the most of Restaurant Week. **ARTS, p. 9**

### RUN FOR UA OFFICE

Think the UA is ineffectual? It’s up to you to change it. **OPN, p. 5**

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Health care reform is dead. You’ve lost your mandate. Give up. **OPN, p. 4**



### BAD TASTE WAS SO GROSS YET AWESOME

The Chorallaries had their annual nastyfest last Saturday. (Warning: We have pictures.) **ARTS, p. 9**

### SHUTTER ISLAND IS DAMN CREEPY

And Leonardo DiCaprio turns in one of the most intense performances of his life. **ARTS, p. 8**

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# Why you should care

*Or, what student government can actually do for you*

**By Ethan Solomon**  
*OPINION EDITOR*

Sometimes it seems like the Undergraduate Association can't do anything for you. After all, isn't it really just the same powerless, ineffectual government-ish organization that couldn't do anything for you in high school, either? At the end of the day, doesn't the MIT administration really call the shots? Maybe. But that doesn't mean that participation in student government isn't valuable for other reasons.

Some people might think that their time would be better spent improving their own situation than participating in a student democracy where other students try and improve your situation for you. After all, this is America, home of the self-made man. Plus, you're one of those super-smart MIT entrepreneurs who's going to save the world and make a killing doing it. So why should you waste your valuable time and limited men-

tal energy thinking about UA policy when you can just forge your own path? You're only here for four years, after all.

But what if the solutions we can come up with collectively can serve you and everyone else better than what you could come up with on your own? What if there is a positive multiplier for working cooperatively? Shouldn't there be some kind of apparatus to organize student efforts around coherent goals? Ostensibly, the UA can do this. But that raises questions of practicality and implementation issues — for every great idea we come up with, financial and bureaucratic roadblocks stand in the way. Fortunately, the point isn't really to see every idea go from theory to practice. The point is to try.

Those who think that their time at MIT would be much better spent worrying about themselves, rather than working collectively as a student body via a student government, are laziness enablers.

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For many reasons, it's much harder to care about campus issues and to try to work together to solve them. So most people don't bother, don't care, and take the easy way out — they just worry about themselves. But if MIT has been doing it's job, most students should realize that the easy way out is never, ever as rewarding as a more difficult option. That's why our school has a reputation for rigor and a reputation for producing successful scientists and engineers. It's not a coincidence.

So even if you do believe that the ad-

ministration will put a halt to any great and student-focused idea that the UA would try and implement, it's still important to give it a shot. It's a learning experience and it exercises the part of your brain that tells you to try something not because it's easy, but because it's a challenge. This part of your brain is why you chose MIT, but now that you're here, don't let it atrophy.

Don't be lazy — give a damn about the UA, student elections, campus community and all that other stuff you don't really care about now. If you're feeling particularly inspired, run as a write-in candidate for UA president this season. And as much as you tell yourself now that you'll be a proper citizen brimming with a sense of civic duty when you get out into the real world, it won't matter a bit unless you've gotten some practice at it. So start caring now.

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## UA UPDATE

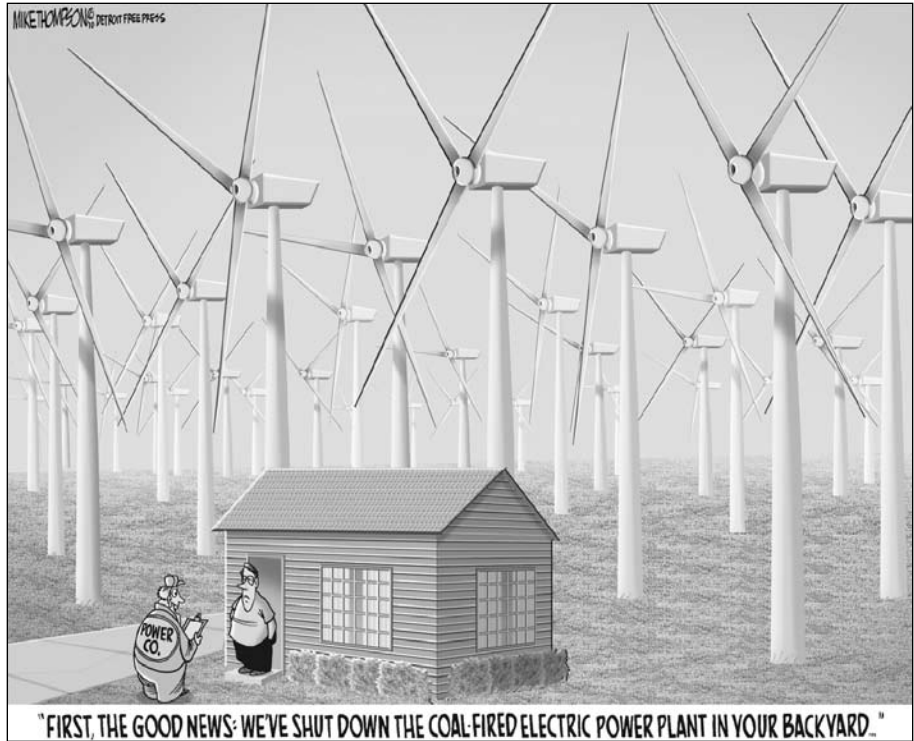
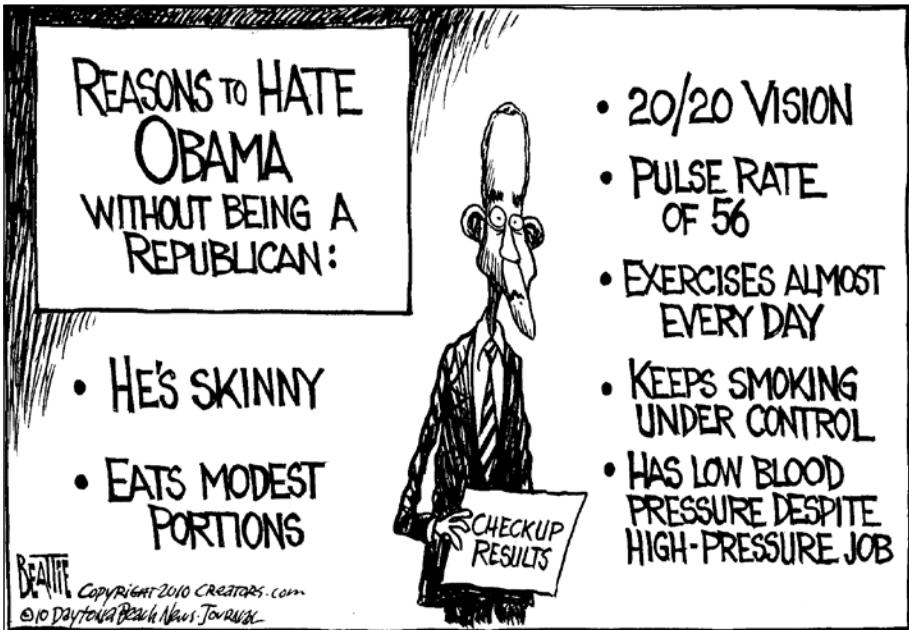
# Campaigning has begun!

Senate met on Monday, March 1. Senate members passed 41 U.A.S. 4.2: Bill to Create Midterm Reviews, which created a review process for members of the UA Executive Committee between the fall and spring semesters. Senate also passed 41 U.A.S. 10.1: Bill to Task the Treasurer with Reimbursement Responsibilities. Ashley M. Nash '11 was confirmed as the Vice Chair for the Special Projects Committee. Maggie K. Delano '10 and Timothy R. Jenks '13 were approved as Chair and Vice Chair of the Nominations Committee, respectively.

Senate requested the report from the Financial Policy Review Committee to be ready for discussion at the next meeting on Monday, March 8.

Campaigning has begun! Candidates need to submit proof of registration in the UA office by today at 5 p.m. The UAP/ UAVP Debate will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Center. Questions about elections should be e-mailed to [ua-elect@mit.edu](mailto:ua-elect@mit.edu).

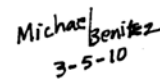
— Elizabeth A. Denys,  
UA Secretary General



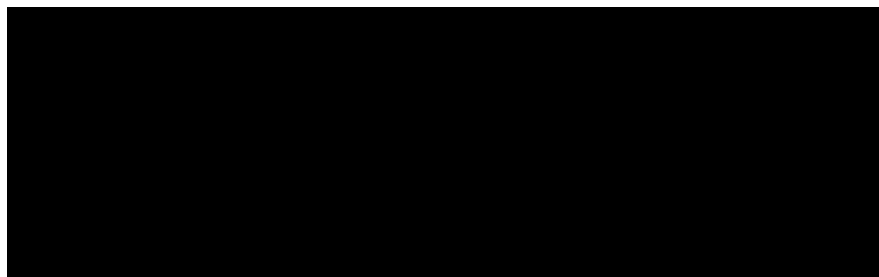




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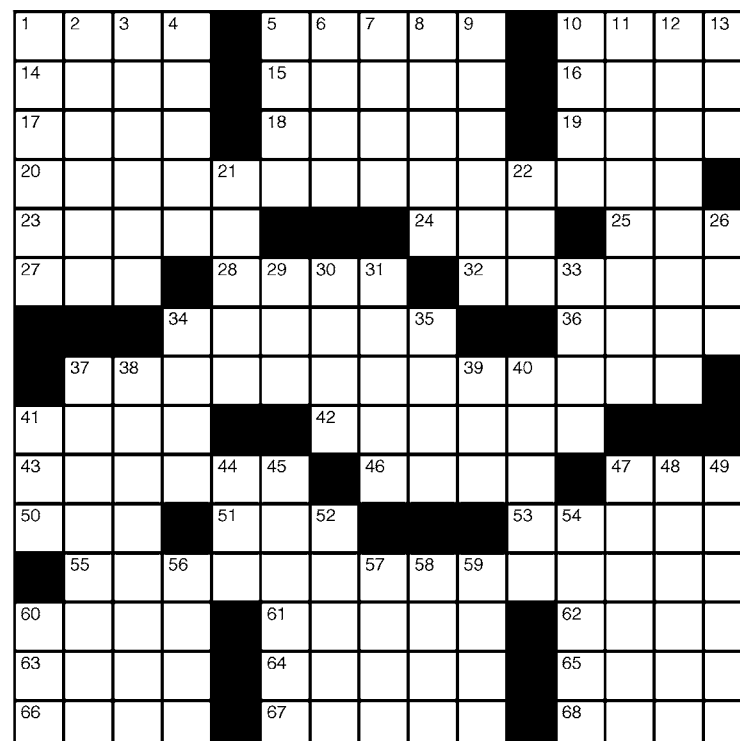
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*Shutter Island* is an exercise in indulgence and mind games

**Rogue Wave transcends indie labels,** weaving nerdy charm into its earnest rock songs.



## CONCERT REVIEW

# Perfectly inappropriate

Bad Taste was shocking, disgusting, horrible, and delightful, as usual

**By Linlin Huang**  
*STAFF WRITER*

Most of us remember our first times — especially if in the process we were rapped painfully on the head several times by streaming toilet paper rolls.

Yes, I'm talking about Bad Taste. An MIT tradition, the  $n$ th Annual Concert in Bad Taste showcases the MIT Chorallaries at their raunchiest, most politically incorrect, offensive, and entertaining. It's the result of countless late nights of planning, traditionally held in Athena clusters. On the night of the event, fans begin the queue as much as 72 hours in advance for a chance to experience the offensiveness first hand.

## *n*th Annual Concert in Bad Taste

# The MIT Chorallaries

26-100

February 7, 2010

Last Saurday, the long wait, the pushing, shoving and sweat-impregnated air were all worth it when a naked Asian man carrying a black box sauntered nonchalantly into 26-100, the same lecture hall shared by the likes of Eric Lander and the creator of XKCD. After mounting the

table and artfully dogging several well-aimed toilet paper rolls, he began enunciating this year's long List of the Offended.

This year's performance included Thomas M. Ciesielski '11 reading of the best quips from *I Saw You MIT* read, and a bed time story narrated by the Blue Boy, Brian G. Coffee '13, who just stepped into the realm of adulthood.

And of course, there was Michael R. Blaisse '10, who pulled off a hilariously convincing Lady Gaga.

The I Saw You MIT updates say it all: "I saw you...at Bad Taste, on stage, as Lady Gaga. Was your muffin really bluffin? I hope not. I have a Crisco stick I could use your help with."



YUANYU CHEN—THE TECH

**Hao Ding '10** reads the "List of the Offended," a (non-exclusive) list of everyone who may get offended by the songs or skits during the concert.



YUANYU CHEN—THE TECH

**Cecilia R. Louis '10** sings the **Bad Taste** rendition of **"Halo"** by Beyonce, this time based on the XBOX video game Halo, including lyrics such as "kick your ass in Halo."



YUANYU CHEN—THE TECH

**Lady Gaga (Michael R. Blaisse '10) shares the Chorallaries' version of "One Fish, Two Fish, Next Fish, New Fish"** as Hannah S. Israel '12 holds the picture book up for the audience to see. The story mocked the sexual lives of MIT students, and included rhymes such as "But [MIT girls] spend all their time learning Einstein and Feynman, and don't leave enough time for breaking the hymen!"

## FEATURE

# Making the most of restaurant week 2010

## Five tips for experiencing Boston's finest on the cheap

**By Tracy Kambara**  
*STAFF WRITER*

## 5. Know the basics

Restaurant Week is actually a two-week event that happens twice a year, once in March and once in August. Hundreds of Boston's best (and priciest) restaurants prepare special menus at discounted prices. From March 14–19th and 21–26th, these restaurants will be offering 2-course lunches for \$15.10, 3-course lunches for \$20.10 and 3-course dinners for \$33.10. See *restaurantweekboston.com* for full listings.

#### 4. Find menus online

The last thing you want for your Restaurant Week experience is to sit down at your table and realize that the prices are the same as the regular menu, and that nothing on it sounds delicious. Some establishments participate in Restaurant Week to make themselves look upscale and high-end, but in reality are noth-

ing more than Olive Gardens in disguise. Most restaurants have already posted their Restaurant Week menus on their websites. It might spoil the surprise to know your options in advance, but it's better than realizing that you'll be eating a lettuce leaf and half a chicken leg for lunch. Compare their Restaurant Week menu to their regular menu; if it seems like they've significantly cheapened their menu, avoid it. The best places offer similar options between the two menus.

### 3. Make reservations

During these two weeks, penny-pinching gastronomes all over Boston will be roaming the restaurants around town. Don't expect to be seated without a reservation, especially if you choose a good spot. Make your reservations now if you haven't already. OpenTable is a free website for making reservations, and most Restaurant Week locations use it. It will tell you what time slots are still available for your party size, and you can easily change or cancel your

reservation. As an added bonus, with each OpenTable reservation you make (and fulfill), you are one step closer to earning a Dining Cheque, a gift certificate to any OpenTable restaurant. Talk about killing two birds with one stone.

## 2. Not all restaurants were created equal

Duh. But this is especially true during Restaurant Week, when everyone is serving meals for the same price. Not all restaurants participate in both lunch and dinner, nor do they all have weekend availabilities. On the same token, some restaurants, like L'Espalier, have extended their participation; L'Espalier is offering their Restaurant Week menu for the entire month. Aquitaine, among other places, is offering discounted wine pairings to go with your meal.

## 1. Tip Well

Yes, you are paying for a discounted meal at a nice restaurant. I've never worked as a

server, but I can only imagine how stressful these two weeks must be for waiters and waitresses. People who normally would not step foot inside their restaurants march on in, expecting to be blown away by the four-star ratings they've read in the Boston Globe. They get upset when they show up for their 7 p.m. reservation on a Friday night and their table isn't ready yet. They ask questions about the menu that regular clients would never dare ask (FYI: coq au vin is braised chicken cooked in wine, tagliatelle is a type of pasta, and arancini refers to fried risotto balls). And when the check comes, they leave a measly 15 percent tip on their \$33.10 meal (they drank tap). Don't be that customer from hell, especially if you insist on wearing your MIT sweatshirt. For good service, tip 20-to-25 percent at minimum, or at least 15 percent of how much your meal would have cost at any other time during the year. The meals may be cheaper for you, but the servers are still getting paid the same amount. At the end of the day, it's just good karma.



# EZRide bus would replace Northwest Shuttle

*Plan would add EZRide stops on campus and increase operating hours*



NICHOLAS CHORNAY—THE TECH  
**MIT may stop running the Northwest Shuttle** and ask students to use another free local bus instead.

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all day, from 7:25 a.m. from 6:41 p.m., while EZRide runs only during rush hours, from 6:20 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EZRide does not stop at 77 Massachusetts Avenue or the Stata Center, like the Northwest Shuttle does.

The plan, once fully developed, must be approved by the Charles River Transportation Management Association, of which MIT is the largest member, and then by the City of Cambridge, said Brutti.

The changes could go into effect as soon as this summer.

MIT Facilities is working with the Graduate Student Council to come up with a plan that will make the Northwest Shuttle’s elimination less of an inconvenience to stu-

dents who use it.

Currently, EZRide does not have a GPS locator for the NextBus sys-

**“It’s a good business move,” said Brutti. “The goal is to reduce cost while enhancing service.”**

tem, which allows students to track up-to-date bus location via the NextBus website. Brutti said that GPS locators will be installed in the EZRide buses if they replace the Northwest shuttle.

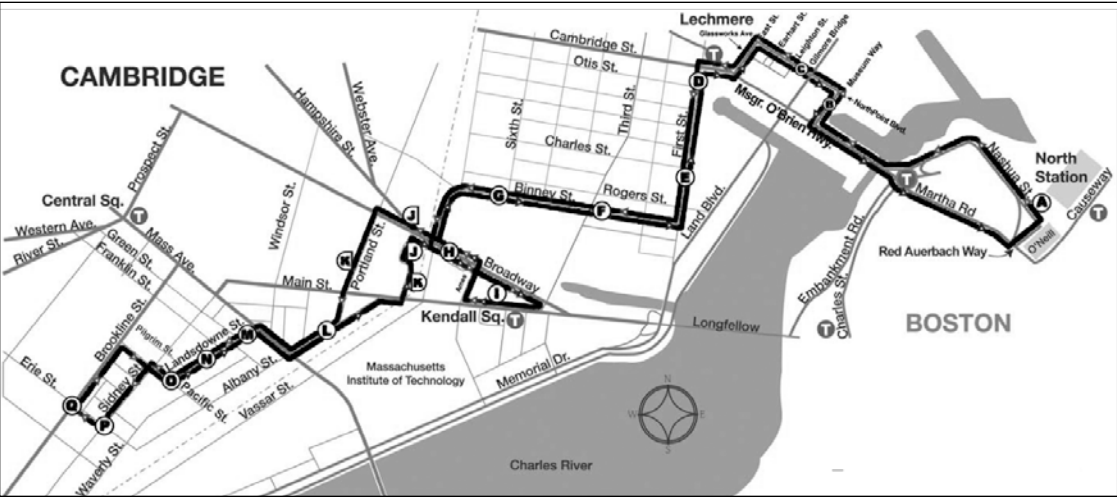
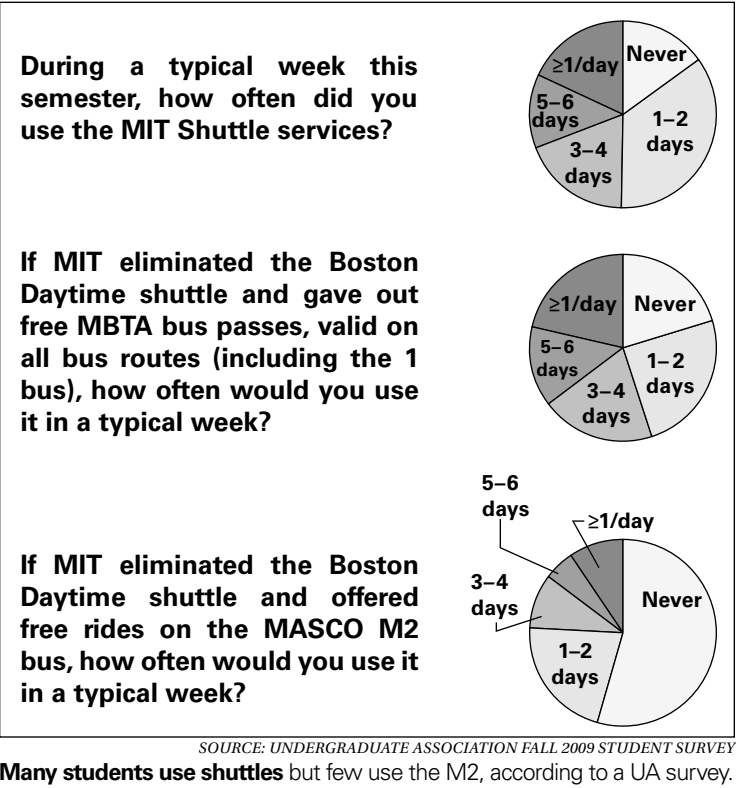
Wendy Lam G, Chair of the GSC

Housing and Community Affairs Committee, said that Brutti has been “open” and “receptive” to students’ concerns about replacing Northwest shuttle services.

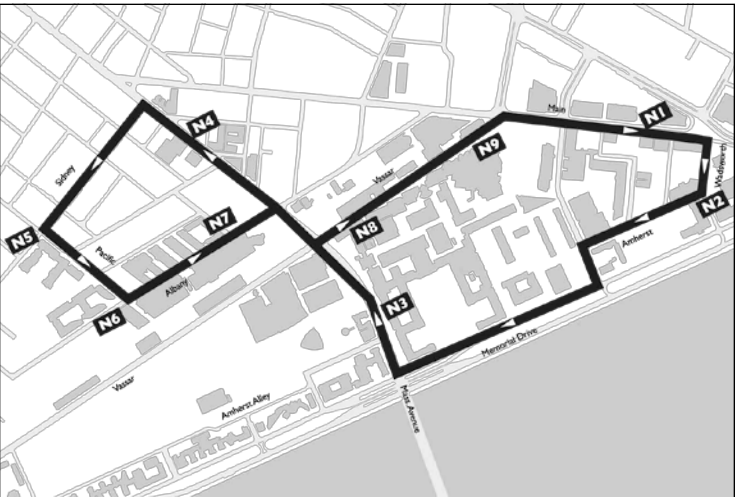
Brutti said this project is separate from the Institute-wide Planning Task Force Report recommendations, which call for the possible reduction or elimination of redundant bus routes.

Brutti said that the plan to replace the Northwest shuttle has been in the works for four years. The idea has been laying dormant but was revived when an MIT thesis by Aimee K. Beasley ’08 entitled “Sustainable Transport at MIT: Improving Area Bus Services” presented the idea among several others to improve bus route efficiency.

Brutti is working to make the



SOURCE: CHARLES RIVER TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT WEBSITE  
**EZRide runs through campus and also visits north Boston.** MIT pays \$300,000 a year to make the service free with an MIT ID. EZRide does not operate from 10:20 a.m.–3:00 p.m. If MIT were to shut down the Northwest Shuttle, it would ask EZRide add extra MIT stops and extend its hours.



SOURCE: MIT FACILITIES WEBSITE  
**The Northwest Shuttle ferries students between main campus and the graduate dorms.** Cutting this service would save MIT \$200,000.

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On Wednesday, Paulina A. Sliwa G, a mezzo soprano, performed her Emerson Scholar recital along with Lindy L. Blackburn G (piano) and Zi Y Ji '10 (viola). They played pieces by Brahms, Chopin, Purcell, and Handel.



# One operator per train on Orange Line

## Change will save MBTA money

By Noah Bierman  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

The MBTA will stop using two employees to run each Orange Line train, part of a plan approved by the agency's board Wednesday to balance next year's budget without raising fares or cutting service.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is one of the few transit systems in the world that still use two operators to run a single set of subway cars. Past attempts to change the practice have met with strong union opposition. The second operator, who sits in the middle of each train set, has little responsibility beyond opening and closing doors and making station announcements.

The Blue Line switched to a single operator more than a decade ago without affecting safety or service. The Green and Red lines will continue to depend on two operators under the latest plan because managers say those lines have com-

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plications that need study.

"It's the kind of efficiencies we need to bring to the organization," said Jeffrey Mullan, transportation secretary. "It does not affect customer service. It does not affect service."

The change on the Orange Line is expected to save \$1.5 million a year, less than the \$3.3 million estimated last year and a small fraction of the T's \$73 million operating deficit for the coming budget year, which begins July 1.

To make up most of its shortfall, the T will refinance \$67.9 million in debt, a practice that has been a persistent concern of watchdogs and outside reviewers, who have expressed concern that the T's \$8.6 billion debt load will continue to grow larger as problems get pushed off into the future. Payments on the debt, which will make up nearly one-fourth of every operating dollar the agency spends next year, have left the T struggling with a budget gap nearly every year.

The Orange Line move will eliminate 15 operators' jobs, from layoffs and attrition.

Governor Deval Patrick, who is up for reelection this year, announced in November that fare increases would be put off until at least July 2011. Wednesday's news that the T would also resist cuts in

bus routes or train service for at least another year came as a relief to passengers.

"It's important to everybody," said Mike Tomasini, 16, a student at Boston Latin School who was riding the Red Line home to Dorchester Wednesday.

His classmate, Kevin Baptista, agreed that people who depend on the T would be hurt by any loss in service: "There's enough time between trains as it is."

Mullan defended the decision to refinance debt. He said it made financial sense this year, given historically low interest rates. He said the impact on the T's overall debt portfolio would be minimal.

"Today was a good day for people who use the T," he said. "We were able to close the budget for next year without impacting service."

But the T will continue to have financial challenges, even in the short term. The budget approved Wednesday assumes no salary increases for the majority of labor union employees, whose contracts expire June 30. And the down economy has meant fewer people are paying to ride the MBTA's buses and trains.

To reduce staff on the Orange Line, the T has spent the past several months adding mirrors to stations and making other modifications that will allow drivers to see the entire platform. Operators will be trained in about two weeks in anticipation of moving to a single driver on June 23.

The Boston Carmen's Union, Local 589, which represents subway operators, has been working with MBTA managers on the issue, but continues to oppose it, worrying that the T would have fewer employees available to evacuate passengers in case of fire or other emergency.

"We're uncertain whether or not it's something that can be done effectively, efficiently, and safely for the workforce and for the passengers," said Stephan MacDougall, union president.

MacDougall said the T has promised to address the union's concerns as they arise, but "at the end of the day you have less people and we carry extremely precious cargo, and there's a lot of lives on the line."

In addition to approving the MBTA's operating budget Wednesday, the MBTA board also delayed voting on a plan to spend \$2 million to study a more modern automated safety system for the Green Line. Federal safety officials have said a better crash prevention system could have prevented a 2008 fatal accident on the line in Newton.

Janice Loux, MBTA board member, questioned the \$2 million contract, saying she has been frustrated that the MBTA's staff has yet to offer the board a detailed explanation of its Green Line safety plan following the 2008 crash and a second serious crash a year later. She said she also had concerns that the contract under consideration Wednesday did not deal broadly enough with Green Line safety issues.



# STAR WARS

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# The Bible

**Are there any spiritual concepts in Star Wars? Join us for our very fun series of Bible discussions related to and based on all six Star Wars movies. Prior knowledge of Star Wars is not necessary to partake and enjoy these Bible discussions.**

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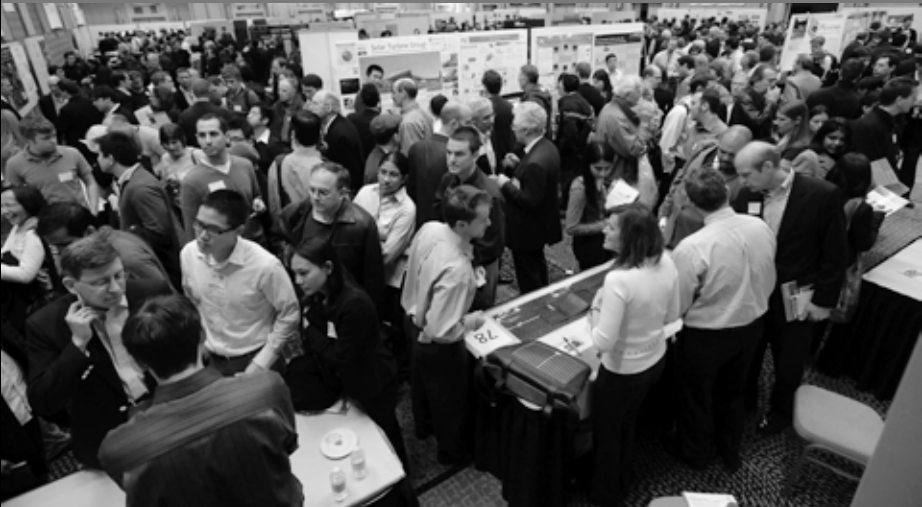
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March 30 – Ephesians 4:17-25
- Week 4: **STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE**  
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# Layoffs likely if Medical cuts overnight services

Care Center services may be offered this fall

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Kettyle said the changes would be rolled out gradually: Nurses would start to provide Community Care Center services during the fall of 2010 before the inpatient unit and overnight urgent care close in order to assess the efficacy of the new system before fully committing to it.

Without maintaining the current overnight services, Medical will be able to devote more resources to following up with patients, Kettyle emphasized.

The new system will likely be “a way of taking advantage of what’s available that’s in operation 24-7 and making best use of facilities

while still providing on-campus service,” Kettyle said. The changes would allow Medical to “maximiz[e] resource utilization,” he said.

More resources would be allocated to following up with patients, Kettyle said, by “work[ing] closely with housemasters, residential advisors, Housing, Dining Services, and other campus resources to make sure that sick students in dorms and FSILGs are getting appropriate monitoring and care” and provide optional house visits, at the student’s discretion.

“Sometimes connecting the dots for students is a bit of a challenge,” said Clinical Director for Campus Life Maryanne Kirkbride. By expanding the current care management program, Medical will more likely be able to monitor and accommodate student recovery and health, she said.

Kettyle said the cost of visiting off-campus hospitals would stay the same for students using the MIT Student Extended Insurance Plan.

Student directed to local hospitals during overnight hours, however, will be under the jurisdiction of the hospital’s confidentially policy rather than Medical’s.

## Use of Medical’s inpatient unit

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009*
Admissions	406	352	284	260	152
Patient days	1255	1382	1050	913	518
Occupancy	25%	27%	21%	18%	10%
Avg. daily census	3.4	3.8	2.9	2.5	1.8
Transient visits	416	526	502	704	898**

SOURCE: MIT MEDICAL WEBSITE

Since 2005, fewer and fewer people have been staying in the inpatient unit. Occupancy is down from 25 percent in 2005 to 10 percent in 2009.

## Use of Medical’s urgent care service

	2008	2009
Total seen (all hours)	15,361	17,027
Total seen 12 a.m. - 7 a.m.	446 (2.9%)	459 (2.6%)
Where patients went after:		
Home	384	407
Inpatient Unit	17	16
Emergency Room	24	18
Unknown	20	18

SORUCE: MIT MEDICAL WEBSITE

Only about three percent of all urgent care visits occur between 12 a.m. and 7 p.m. Medical is considering closing urgent care during those hours.



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